

Inman Informer

May 2023



Announcements

SPR Meeting:

The SPR Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 6pm in Room 212.

Pentecost-

Sunday, May 28
Plan to wear red on Sunday, May 28 as we celebrate Pentecost.

A Note From the Pastor

Reset

Do you take time for Sabbath? I don't mean simply sitting in the pews on Sunday morning, but do you take time to experience the power of a Sabbath. In our lives, we are constantly on the go, constantly connected to technology, juggling responsibilities of home, school, work, church, and more. Yet we were not created to go 24/7 all 365 days a year. When God created the Earth, he worked for 6 days and then he rested on the seventh, as an example for us.

You see, Sabbath invites us to stop. It invites us to rest. It reminds us that the world will continue spinning, without our help. It is through taking Sabbath that we are reminded that we are not the ones in control- God is in control. For we need a weekly sabbath, to reset our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. There also are times where we need an extended sabbath, to refresh and renew.

Sabbath can look different for everybody. For me, I try to spend my weekly sabbath outside in nature. Over the last 4 months, one of the Continuing Education Opportunities I had was to participate in a monthly hiking cohort. Once a month, we would take a day where we would all turn off our phones and go hiking in various parks around the area. It was such a restorative time. Part of the day, we would hike together and chat about what is happening in our lives. Then in the afternoon, we would disband and go on a solo hike before reconvening to conclude the day. By taking Sabbath, it reminds me of who I am and who I'm not. It reminds me that I'm not in control. It reminds me that Inman has existed long before I was born and will continue to do ministry long after I leave. It's in the soft breeze and the birds singing where God reminds me of who I was created to be. I am a child of God and that is enough.



Congratulations Graduates

Graduation Sunday: Sunday, May 21

This year, Inman has several students graduating from High School and college. We will have a Reception for them on Sunday, May 21 from 10:00-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall with a recognition of them during the 11:00am services.

Congrats to our Graduating Students:

High School:

Harrison Bonner
Madison Corley
Andrew Starkey
Emily Wagner

College/Masters:

Catherenne Hogeland
Nathan Wagner



Thank You

As we wrap up the year with WNS, we want to say a special thank you to our kitchen crew who prep, cook, and clean up each week in order that we can enjoy a delicious meal & fellowship.

Special thank you to Billy & Jenny Ward, Herm & Joni Janssen, Ed Roehm, Linda Wagner, and David Cathey for your hard work each week.



A Message From Frank Stemberidge

Here's a question I have never been asked. How do you choose what hymns to arrange? Well, of course, I do have favorite hymn tunes as we all probably do. "For the Beauty of the Earth" is one.

There are two songs recommended by a guest preacher at St. Mark UMC back in the 1990's. His name was Mike Watson, and I believe he was a superintendent at the time, but has also served as a bishop. This was not a main point of the sermon, as I remember it, but it stuck with me. He stated that he thought that two songs encompassed the core Christian beliefs. One was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and the other was "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". At that time, I had been volunteering to play "pre-service" music on the piano and was developing repertoire to play. To say that I took it as a "message" from God is probably a bit strong, but that week I began work on "What a Friend" and shortly thereafter "He's Got the Whole World". Neither of those hymns were favorites before, but have certainly earned their place on my list.

As a fifth grader in East Point FUMC, the church presented each of us with a UMC Hymnal with our name engraved on the front. Of course, now that is the old hymnal. I started playing some hymns out of that fresh smelling book and even took some time and effort making some simple arrangements, which I was allowed to play occasionally at the service. When we went on vacation to see my maternal grandmother and my aunts, uncles, and cousins one summer in northwestern Missouri and Iowa, I took the hymnal and played a few hymns for my Grandmother. She asked me if I could play her favorite hymn. I had never heard of it and it was not in my hymnal. (It is included in the latest version.) It was, however in the Cokesbury, so I went back and learned to play it. It was thirty years or so before I realized what a treasured hymn it is for many people. I added an arrangement of "In the Garden" to my repertoire during my pre-service years. I cannot seem to pull the arrangement out of the storage unit sitting on my shoulders so I created a second version I shared the Sunday before Passion Sunday (aka Palm Sunday). I do think of my Grandmother whenever I play it. I think the first version is on a CD somewhere, I just have to find it and reconstruct it.

Sooo... If you have a favorite hymn tune you have not heard me play, send me an email or stop by the piano after the service and help me expand my list.



Finance

The Finance Committee cannot thank you enough for your financial generosity to Inman UMC and to the various missions we support! We work very hard to ensure we are good stewards of your financial gifts and sometimes that means plans change - as in the case of Griffin Tornado Relief.

We announced last month we were collecting funds to go to the Griffin-Spalding Tornado Relief Fund 2023. Shortly afterwards, we were notified that our SouthWest District office, in conjunction with UMCOR, would be collecting funds to assist those in our area impacted by the tornadoes. As a result, we have decided to direct tornado relief funds towards the SouthWest District disaster relief instead of the previously announced fund. For those wishing to contribute to this tornado relief fund, please designate your donations for Griffin Tornado Relief, get them to the church by May 14th and we will get them on their way!

Thanks again for your support!

Financial Report for January - March, 2023

Income	Jan. - Mar.	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 64,831	\$ 51,750
ASP	\$ 7,849	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 6,885	\$ 2,000
Grand Total Income	\$ 79,565	\$ 53,750
Expenses	Jan. - Mar.	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 3,460	\$ 3,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 6,180	\$ 2,453
Operational Expenses	\$ 11,829	\$ 11,186
All Other Expenses	\$ 39,800	\$ 42,191
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 61,269	\$ 58,829

Missions and Outreach

Alter Rail Offerings for the month of May are for United Methodist Student Day.

What is United Methodist Student Day; you ask?

The United Methodist Student Day is a "Special Sunday Offering" that was originally established in 1872 as the "Children's Fund."

Today, we call it the United Methodist Student Day. In the 18th Century, our Wesleyan roots were formed around the importance of education and its role in spiritual formation.

Students are the future of the United Methodist Church and by investing in our students, the church supports potential in students who will one day pay the investment forward to society. A prime example is our very own Pastor Whitney.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available to United Methodist Students.

All donations big or small are greatly appreciated!

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

2023 Upcoming Altar Rail Offerings

June

UMCOR

July

Murphy-Harpst

August

Homeless Offering



100% Goes to Students

Every year, we award an average of \$5.5 million to help students in the United States and abroad pursue their dreams through higher education.

Whitney was a recipient of a UMC Scholarship.

By giving, you are investing in training your future pastors and leaders!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY







What in the world is "Bandid Sunday" and what does this have to do with Mother's Day, you ask?

And, no I haven't completely lost my mind! More on that in a moment. Do you remember when you were little and you got a "boo boo", whether it be on your knee, elbow or wherever it may be? You would come to your mother or maybe your grandmother and she would lovingly clean your "boo boo", put a Bandid on it, give it a kiss and "magically" it was all better and you would be back to playing without a care in world. Sometimes, all it takes is a Mother's love and a Bandid!

Now, to answer the question of, what is Bandid Sunday? The Ladies Circle and Missions/Outreach will be collecting Bandida for the UMCOR Christmas Shoeboxes.

**Date: Sunday...May 14th...Mother's Day
Size of Bandid....3/4 wide x 3 inches long.
Please bring boxes of Bandida in to donate on Mother's Day!**

**Blessings,
Deborah Morris**



Summer Sandwich Socials:



Because there has been such an interest in providing opportunities for folks to gather for dinner in the summer, we are going to try out a new program called "Summer Sandwich Social".

Starting May 17, there will be a sandwich dinner served on Wednesday night from 5:30-6:30pm. Each week you'll have several options for a sandwich (PB&J, lunchmeat, or the "special sandwich of the week"), chips, and dessert.

The cost will be \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 3-12, and children under 3 eat for free.

In order for this to succeed, we NEED volunteers to sign up to set up and clean up. The church will provide all the materials and food (and there will be no shopping or cooking involved). We need folks to simply set out the supplies at 5:00pm and clean up at 6:30 pm.

If you are willing to sign up to volunteer for one week, please sign up on the list outside of Whitney's Office.

Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

Thank you all for your donations and ordering of Easter Lilies for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

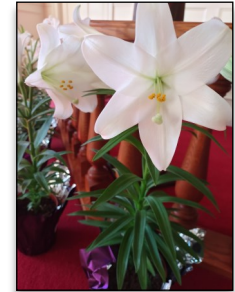
In honor of Mother's Day, May 14th, the LAF Circle is preparing a list of loved ones that you would like to remember in honor or in memory of for our church bulletin on Mother's Day.

\$1.00 per name. Names need to be turned in by Sunday May 7th.

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President

Kathy Barb, Vice-President



Inman United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men held their monthly breakfast and meeting on April 19th. We had record attendance of 24 individuals. Thanks to all who helped cook and clean up.

The UMM's next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served.



Membership Care

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped fill and deliver the Easter Baskets for our members who are homebound!

Joni Janssen, Chairman



Trustees

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make the spring work day a successful one!

Although it rained for most of the morning, we were still able to accomplish several projects inside and outside the church. Over the course of several days, the folks listed below donated equipment, time and supplies to contribute to workday:

**Pastor Whitney.,
Joe G., Will C.,
Robin H.,
Dave C., Forrest B.,
Donna S., Roy S.,
Mike L., Eugene P.,
David H.**



**Ed R., Herm J.,
Jerry H.,
Deborah M.,
Donna M.,
Judy R.,
Moody E.,
John M.**

For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Michael Barb
Roger Barnhill
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Leigh Ann Hicks
Ed Hicks
John Kozisek
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
James Pompey (Ed Hicks)
Eugene Pritchard
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Bobby Swanger
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Billy Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
Kathey Young

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Mary Lee Giddings
Bill Haleday
Leigh Hawkins
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Burl Hurley
Lee Jackson (David Cathey)
Matt Kirkindall
Deborah Morris
Wendy Rogers
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Jerry Wagner
George Wheeler
Ruth Williams
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Greg Harp
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Charles Harp
Julie Ward (Joni Janssen)
Anne Drake
Pat Reeder (Barbara Ponzio)

Other Concerns

For the children/youth programs of
Inman UMC
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Birthdays & Reminders

Happy Birthday

Jeff Creel	May 1
Erica Gassaway	May 3
Brad Wagner	May 3
Courtney Allen Woodall	May 9
Katy Swagner	May 12
Deborah Morris	May 13
Whitney Hair	May 13
Jerry Hewell	May 20
Bobby Swagner	May 21
Linda Wagner	May 25
George Wheeler	May 28
Janet Hilten	May 31

*If you see a birthday is missing,
please notify the church office
so we can update our records.*

Offering Counters

May 7	Linda W. & Jeff W.
May 14	Brenda N. & Helen B.
May 21	Donna M. & Jerry W.
May 28	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

five and under eat free

May 3: Menu: Smorgasboard
Helpers-Missions

Summer Sandwich Socials begin May 17

5:30-6:30pm

\$4.00 for adults

\$2.00 for children under 12

Three and under eat free

options for a sandwiches will include PB&J,
lunchmeat, or the "special sandwich of the
week", chips, and dessert.

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